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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,177,800
- (2) JP 2000-147035

A copy of document (2) is enclosed.


Documents (1) and (2) were discussed in the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein.

An English language abstract accompanies Japanese document (2). Additionally, it is noted that document (1) is an English-language counterpart for document (2). The concise explanation of relevance for document (2) is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English language abstract, the English language counterpart, and the discussion provided in the specification. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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	6,177,800	01/2001	Kubby, et al.	324	458	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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2000-147035	05/2000	Japan			Abstract

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